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Albany Feby. 6th 1853

Dr. Engelmann

Dear Sir.

A young man who is a good Botanist — for a beginner — and who wishes to make Geology and Palæontology objects of study & collection is desirous to find the means of getting to the Nauvaise Terres — I write to ask you if you will be so kind as to inform me of the time when the Fur Company's Boat leaves St. Louis, and also the names of the persons there in Authority to whom I should apply for the privilege of having this young man go on the boat — I can procure letters from many of our distinguished men here if that will aid the matter at all — You will confer a great favor if you will be so kind as to suggest the best mode of proceeding and inform me at once whether there are any persons here or in New York whose letters or influence will aid me —

I would also like to know whether there will be a second Opportunity of going up the River during the season — I presume however that both for the Objects of Botany and Geology the earliest Opportunity will be the best, and this will give him some two or three months to

remain in the region before returning -
He will desire to remain long enough to make full collections, but not to delay longer than is necessary his return -

Should you find it convenient to answer my inquiries or refer me to any person who will aid this object you will greatly oblige me.

After my most positive determination to see the iron mountain I have failed to do so. - On my arrival at St. Genevieve we had a storm of rain & snow, and my diarrhoea continued so badly that I was prevailed upon to abandon my journey and continue on the boat - Perhaps it was well that I did so for I was much worse for the next day or two and began to be a little anxious to get home. - After all, however I was able to do some work in southern Ohio.

There is a prospect of a meeting at Cleveland in June, & hope you will go by all means. I learn that the Branch of your Legislature have passed a bill authorizing a Geological Survey - Can you tell me who will be the man to have charge of it.?

I am with much esteem
Very Sincerely Yours &c
James Hall

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Albany March 27 1843

Dr. Engelmann

Dear Sir

Your of the 19th reached me yesterday - Yours of Feby 25th some time since - I have been hesitating about this expedition for some time but finally have decided to carry it forward - I thank you for the trouble you have taken and I shall ever feel under great obligations - If you can give Mr Hayden some advice and assistance after his arrival in St Louis. He will go up prepared if need be to remain there during the winter I will give him a letter to you and he will be glad to find on your recommendations some place where he can live economically while waiting & making his preparations in St. Louis. Mr. Hayden is a botanist

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– or at least has cultivated the
science more than any other –
He is ardent enthusiastic and untiring
– his industry – & perseverance
whether I may need some one else
write him but if I can find a
person which I shall do.
I will take steps immediately &
have Mr Hayden letters sent as far
as we can do it here & if he need
anything after arriving at St Louis I
will by your advice & assistance.
I hope Dr. Koch may not turn
his eyes that way for the present
for I want a few of these things
for the United States before they
all go to Europe and then for there
has been no systematic work done
there as far as I know –
Mr Hayden has no money and
I have none to spare and therefore
we shall both be anxious to
make the effort as economical

ce Hospitable -

There is certain point which be can learn in St Louis I dare say -
There are whether the White or Cheyenne are navigable for boats down Minnesota & the Missouri, are whether it would be desirable to take out a boat, for that purpose?, - Are there not many returning from there in September or that by two or one could return at that time if necessary?

Can you advise me about any thing for present & conciliate if need be the Indians? Or perhaps this is not necessary

I am very truly Yours
Louis Hale

Since my head, have been reading me to apply for the Missouri Surveyor that I learn that you have received [illegible] of the State & I doubt think the western half of the Eastern peninsula over which

P.S. I shall take steps to get letters from the best men here & the Agents of the Fur Company and will also & New York to get letters from Choteau &c if there is any one there who has authority - I do not know where to inquire but to Primibal Pantier but will learn -

In the meantime I shall be greatly obliged if you can speak to some one connected with the establishment if you think it proper & do so, and perhaps he could suggest some persons in the part of the country from whom letters would be desirable, both at St Louis and at St Peters,

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Albany Ap. 10th 1853

Dr Engelmann

My Dear Sir,

I thank you for your favor of the 27th ult which I would have answered sooner, but have been waiting a few days for Mr. Hayden the young man who proposes to go to the Rocky Mountains. He will be in St Louis as early as the first of May and will have his preparations made as far as he can make them. I will rely upon you for advice after he arrives there. Mr Hayden is an ardent collector and has pursued Botany to some extent, but has no knowledge of a wild country. He goes out at my expense and I am desirous to avoid unnecessary expense while at the same time Worth

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& give him all possible facilities for making collections - I had supposed that at St Pierre he could find one or more men who are acquainted with the mode of life, and habits & customs of the Indians and can speak their Language - It might perhaps be wise to take a man of this char-
-acter from St Louis if such can one could be found there - Still, I must rely upon your advice and Mr Hayden will act accordingly -
- I have a strong inclination to send a second person from here, but I do not know how expensive it would be to do so -

I am going to see Mr Chouteau who is now in N York and get his consent and approbation for Mr Hayden's [illegible] on the boat -
- If the boat is safely home before

the middle of may please write me or Telegraph at once that I may address Mr. Hayden who will be at that time in Cleveland — In St Louis he will procure his provisions and any outfit which he may not have already obtained — I shall feel obliged if you can refer Mr. Hayden to some boarding house or Hotel where he may live without too much expense while in St Louis.

If you know any person familiar with the Shawanoe Indians and the peculiarities necessary for such an outfit it would greatly facilitate Mr Haydens objects & become acquainted with him —

For any aid or advice you can give him in this matter I shall feel greatly indebted, and shall hold myself in readiness to reciprocate the favor —

Can you tell me if there

German Collector, one such man that Mr Hayden could with propriety make any arrangement to travel with them?! How long do they intend to remain each thing?
With pressing Haste.
I am very sincerely Yours
James Hall

P.S. I am surprised at the Selection of Geologist by Your Governor - The gentleman is quite unknown to any one here as a Geologist -

I presume on many accounts it would be better to procure means for Prof. if that can be done, for if Mr. Hayden remains through the season there is no way for him to do so this autumn

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Albany Ap 20 1853

Dr. Engelmann

Dear Sir.

I beg leave to introduce to you Mr. Hayden the bearer of this letter of whom I have already written you. He will be desirous of your aid and advice in preparing his outfit for the Missouri Iowa.

In reference to taking men with him he will be governed by your advice and the information which Mr Choteau may have about men at the Fort — Mr. C. told me it was not improbable that men enough could be obtained at the fort —

Any attention you may be able to show Mr Hayden in this matter I shall regard as a personal favor for which I shall be under many obligations. I am respectfully Yours

James Hall

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Chester Alleghany Co N.Y. Apl 23d 1843

Dr. Engelmann.

Dear Sir,

Ever since you were here a few days since, but since that time I have concluded to send Mr Beck my assistant with Mr. Hayden up the Missouri — I am led to this partly from the fact that Mr Hayden has had no experience of this kind of life and partly from the consideration that it is important now to secure a good collection of those things of this region soon all begone to Europe — Dr. Leidy has written me strongly on that point, and thinks a good collection might be sold to pay a part of the expence. At any rate I am committed now and the expedition must go properly prepared. I have also a mind to send along a young man as a laboner to assist — such a man will be needed and must be hired either in St Louis or at the fort — Mr. Chouteau thought it possible that Beck could be had at the Fort but could not certainly inform me — saying they would know in St Louis — I presume however it may not be more expensive

& send me from here them to have one in St Louis or at the fort — — If you have any information on this point please communicate to me at Albany when I shall return in a week —

I can hire a man for about $12 per month paying all his expenses — and of course I should pay the expenses of a man after hiring him at St Louis a discretion — perhaps you can advise me.

Mr. Meek will probably arrive in St Louis about the 16. as Mr Chouteau thinks there is no probability the boat leaving before the 20th inst. — Mr Chouteau will return about the first of May and if any change of time is made I beg you to telegraph me — the boat will not leave before he arrives certainly —

I commend Mr Meek & Mr. Hayden to your attentions and remain

very sincerely Your much obliged
Robt Kennedy
James Hall —

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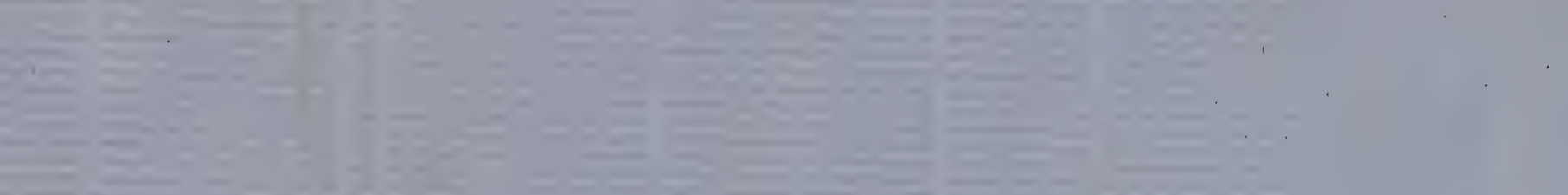

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Steam Yacht Vienna

Ohio River June 15 1883

My Dear Dr Engelmann,

Your letter of the 2d may I find in my portfolio - I had nearly finished a reply to your before leaving home, but it was left on my table - I hope Mrs Hall will forward it to you - I did not see Gray on his return - I shall attend to any duty by the Tax Co. and feel greatly obliged for your kindness in vouching for me - I had supposed that this was all fully arranged by Mr Choteau. I am certainly indebted to Prof. Gray and yourself for your advice & my luck & Hayden, and I have little doubt that had I been there the expedition would have been abandoned - I regret that any objects could have been mis-

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- apprehended - had I known
of any intention to send an expedition
that I would not have sent you
- I did give Mr Hayden some
encouragement, but only in the
event of nothing else being done
and when we all supposed that
nothing would be done by the
Government or any one else.
that the plan was attempted
We cannot act - If you
receive my letter you will
see more fully how the matter stands -
However even if I cannot meet
the expedition will help for the
best I thought I could - I do not
expect much under the circumstances.
I am going into Western Virginia and
pass then return to Albany, -

Will you be at the Cleveland meeting?
I do might expect one you, but not
in St Louis. Prof Lesquereux wrote to me
of my services could be obtained in the Palaeontology

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of Anspruch — I replied in the affirmative, but reserving the right to accept only of the conditions mentioned — However, without waiting for my reply, it was given to Shumard — However it is not probable that an arrangement could have been made by which I could have taken it —

I regret that the Spirit you speak of should have appeared at all across that McHayden should have shown it — This should have been left for the Potter of the Other side — I hope he feels free from such feelings, though the solicitations or others may provoke it in him — I will endeavour in future to be so cautious that I shall not cross the track of others — I learn that I am a very bad name in the west as attempting to monopolize everything — I did not suppose the Cattle would bound, so much as they, those sought to bound, could provoke such feelings when the field is on all sides so wide and so

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to encourage me:

I think hereafter I will endeavour to be content with what showing may pass west of the Alleghanies or south near Yorktown!—

I will send to you some letters for the Secretaries — he suggested that no one should be forwarded by the Gen. Co. before then. Under many obligations I am very truely Yours

Yours truely

James Hall

Regd Febr 11th 54
Ans Thursh 17th

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Albany Feby 3d 1854

Dr. Engelmann

Dear Sir,

I understood by Mr Hayden that you expressed some interest in the collection of plants made along the Mississippi River under the Mexican Commission. The collection has been arranged and it would give me pleasure to send you one of the series. The collection has been divided into four. If you think it worth your acceptance and will advise me as to the manner of sending and forwarding I will attend to it at once.

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Can you inform me if the Indian agent, Major Vaughn (I think is his name) will be down at Fort St Louis during the winter?- He made some propositions to Mr Boyd in reference to going to the Mountains and in his opinion to hear from him -

How goes on your Geol. Survey &c. I hope it will prove satisfactory, for Missouri is so important a state to be otherwise than well wrought out -

I am with much regard
very sincerely Yours
James Hall

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Albany Dec. 12th 1864

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of 17th March last has remained unanswered, except in the material fact of the receipt, having sent the plants by the Reese. I presume you received them safely.

I would like to know if you found anything interesting and if the condition of the plants is such as to make a sale of them desirable in Europe. I had promised a set to Prof. Braun and I don't know whether they are worth sending or not — will you inform me, for I have not examined them at all.

I enclose by your care an

letter for Dr. Schiel, who
hoped him a short time
since and left a few papers
with me to be examined-

My. Macvaiers Texas expedition
has proved a very expensive
affair, and has been the means
also of taking Mr. Mack from
me, who is now on the
Missouri Survey —

Mr. Mack will return here
about the first of January & spend
some months me

I shall feel obliged for your
opinion relative to the plants —

I am very sincerely
Yours
James Hall

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expedition, and will make a thorough exploration. I think we have arranged matters so that the Dutchmen shall have no chance. 11 -*

I received this letter on the evening of the 9th after Newmeck had left for St Louis - I rode Baird that I was much surprised and annoyed that he should not have kept this information from me, that had I known it I certainly should not have left a party out there, and that I feared difficulty - I wrote to Meek that he had my consent to abandon the expedition -

In reply to my letter Baird writes as follows -

"Dear Sir Dr Hyde - May 12th

"I see that you have clearly misunderstood the gist of my closing paragraph - By the "Dutchmen" I did not mean you men of this honored nation, but those two Germans from Leuder, probably Agents of Krantz X, who have been preparing for an incursion to the Mandacia Ferries to Coms - I know perfectly well that neither Dr Evans nor Major Stevens will do anything

x Sometime about the first of May Evans telegraphed me, Meek asking him to go as his assistant to Oregon -. Meek made no reply - I was absent from home at the time.

"interfere with your party, but on the contrary, cordially assist them, and probably enable them to do more than in other ways, the field is quite wide enough for Americans, if not for foreigners; You may depend upon it therefore that while Major Stevens will not consider your such an interference with his operations, his will not interfere with your expedition at all. I wrote you on ap 2d that Dr. Evans would probably pass through the Nauvaries Terr. on his way to Oregon - His arrangements were not fully matured until a day or two afterwards when as Geologist to ~~Gov~~ Stevens expedition It was concluded to give him funds enough to make a detailed expedition.

When was not time as I supposed to write to me here - but on receipt of his telegraphic communication of the 17th I replied that I was satisfied to abandon the expedition - this it appears he never received -

You are able to see the medicaments in which they

been placed - In the first place
I wished to benefit Mr. Haydon
I could expect nothing myself -
afterwards Mrs Haydon had not
had not the necessary explanation
ced them as much ungracious
to go & sent him forward -
- I shall incur a large expence
which I can ill afford -
I have incurred the ill will
and animations of other parties,
and made myself enemies, as
I have well learned - and
the end is not yet - I am
so utterly disgusted with
this whole affair that I
shall make an effort to dispose
of all the collection, should
one be made, without seeing
seeing it - at least this is
my present feeling - Wish
not to be reminded of all this
trouble and annoyance &
my pecuniary as well as to
mortify -

Very truly Yours -

James Hall

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P.S. Inclosed is a letter to Mr Meek which I would be glad to have forwarded at your first opportunity —

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